

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a non-foamed skin layer, wherein the foamed laminate is a co-extruded product in which the substrate layer and the skin layer are heat fused and the substrate layer is foamed by co-extrusion by multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) comprising an uncrosslinked ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y),

wherein said ethylenic, thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an  $\alpha$ -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity  $ML_{1+4}$  (100 °C) of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole %, and

wherein the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (at 70 °C, 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (at 230 °C, 10 kg load), and

wherein the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) is formed by subjecting a foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) comprising the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and 0.5 - 20 parts by weight of an organic or inorganic foaming agent of a heat decomposition type (B) per 100 parts by weight of the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the foaming agent (B) to foaming by co-extrusion with the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) of at least twofold, and

wherein the foamed laminate is formed by co-extrusion of the foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) and the ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y) wherein the foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) foams by heat fusing to form the substrate layer of the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ), and

wherein said ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y) is one which has an intrinsic viscosity ( $\eta$ ) of 3.5 - 8.3 dl/g as determined in decalin at 135 °C.

5. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a non-foamed skin layer, wherein the foamed laminate is a co-extruded product in which the substrate layer and the skin layer are heat fused and the substrate layer is foamed by coextrusion by multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) comprising an uncrosslinked ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an  $\alpha$ -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity  $ML_{1+4}(100\text{ }^\circ\text{C})$  of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole %, and

wherein the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (at 70 °C, 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (at 230 °C, 10 kg load), and

wherein the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) is formed by subjecting a foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) comprising the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and 0.5 - 20 parts by weight of an organic or inorganic foaming agent of a heat decomposition

type (B) per 100 parts by weight of the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the foaming agent (B) to foaming by co-extrusion with the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) of at least twofold and

wherein the foamed laminate is formed by co-extrusion of the foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) and the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z) wherein the foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) foams by heat fusing to form the substrate layer of the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ), and

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant ( $Z_L$ ) selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), 5 - 200 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (G), 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a fatty acid amide, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a metal soap, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of an ester, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of calcium carbonate and 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a silicate, each in a proportion as given above.

6. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a non-foamed skin layer, wherein the foamed laminate is a co-extruded product in which the substrate layer and the skin layer are heat fused and the substrate layer is foamed by co-extrusion by multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) comprising an uncrosslinked ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_1$ ),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an  $\alpha$ -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity  $ML_{1+4}(100\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C})$  of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole %, and

wherein the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (at 70  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (at 230  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ , 10 kg load), and

wherein the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) is formed by subjecting a foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) comprising the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and 0.5 - 20 parts by weight of an organic or inorganic foaming agent of a heat decomposition type (B) per 100 parts by weight of the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the foaming agent (B) to foaming by co-extrusion with the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) of at least twofold and

wherein the foamed laminate is formed by co-extrusion of the foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) and the skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_1$ ) wherein the foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) foams by heat fusing to form the substrate layer of the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ), and

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_1$ ) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E) and 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), each in a proportion as given above.

7. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a non-foamed skin layer, wherein the foamed laminate is a co-extruded product in which the substrate layer and the skin layer are heat fused and the substrate layer is foamed by co-extrusion by multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) comprising an uncrosslinked ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and

40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_2$ ),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an  $\alpha$ -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity  $ML_{1+4}(100^\circ\text{C})$  of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole %, and

wherein the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (at  $70^\circ\text{C}$ , 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (at  $230^\circ\text{C}$ , 10 kg load), and

wherein the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) is formed by subjecting a foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) comprising the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and 0.5 - 20 parts by weight of an organic or inorganic foaming agent of a heat decomposition type (B) per 100 parts by weight of the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the foaming agent (B) to foaming by co-extrusion with the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) of at least twofold and

wherein the foamed laminate is formed by co-extrusion of the foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) and the skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_2$ ) wherein the foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) foams by heat fusing to form the substrate layer of the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ), and

wherein the said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_2$ ) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), a polyolefin resin (G) in an amount of 5 - 200 parts by weight.

8. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a non-foamed skin layer, wherein the foamed laminate is a co-extruded product

in which the substrate layer and the skin layer are heat fused and the substrate layer is foamed by co-extrusion by multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) comprising an uncrosslinked ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyethylene resin (a-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of a copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2), with said constituents (a-1) and (a-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_3$ ),

wherein said ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) consists of a thermoplastic elastomer obtained by subjecting a mixture of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the absence of a cross-linking agent, and

wherein said copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2) is a copolymer of ethylene, an  $\alpha$ -olefin and, optionally incorporated, non-conjugated polyene and has a Mooney viscosity  $ML_{1+4}(100^\circ\text{C})$  of 90 - 250 and an ethylene content of 70 - 95 mole %, and

wherein the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (at  $70^\circ\text{C}$ , 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (at  $230^\circ\text{C}$ , 10 kg load), and

wherein the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) is formed by subjecting a foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) comprising the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and 0.5 - 20 parts by weight of an organic or inorganic foaming agent of a heat decomposition type (B) per 100 parts by weight of the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the foaming agent (B) to foaming by co-extrusion with the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ) of at least twofold and

wherein the foamed laminate is formed by co-extrusion of the foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) and the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_3$ ) wherein the foamable ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_1$ ) foams by heat fusing to form the substrate layer of the foamed body ( $X_{F1}$ ), and

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_3$ ) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind selected

from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5-10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a fatty acid amide, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a metal soap, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of an ester, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of calcium carbonate and 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a silicate, each in a proportion given above, and which further comprises a polyolefin resin (G) in an amount of 5 - 200 parts by weight.

9. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in any one of claims 5 to 8, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C) is one which is obtained by a dynamic heat treatment of a mixture comprising a crystalline polyolefin resin (c-1) and a rubber (c-2).

10. (Original) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 5, 7 or 8, wherein the polyolefin resin (G) is an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y).

11. (Previously amended) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y) comprises 15 - 40 parts by weight of an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (y-1) having an intrinsic viscosity ( $\eta$ ) of 10 - 40 dl/g as determined in decalin at 135 °C and 85 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (y-2) having an intrinsic viscosity ( $\eta$ ) of 0.1 - 5 dl/g as determined in decalin at 135 °C, with said constituents (y-1) and (y-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight.

12. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4, wherein the ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) comprises a polypropylene resin (a-3) in an amount of 30 parts by weight or less, per 100 parts by weight of total sum of the polyethylene resin (a-1) and the copolymer based on ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin (a-2).

13 - 14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 5, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising the crystalline polyolefin resin (c-1) and the rubber (c-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the presence of a cross-linking agent.

16 - 19. (Canceled)

20. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a non-foamed skin layer, wherein the foamed laminate is a co-extruded product in which the substrate layer and the skin layer are heat fused and the substrate layer is foamed by co-extrusion by multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) comprising an uncrosslinked olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_2$ ) comprising 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and 1 - 20 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic resin (K),

said skin layer comprises an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y), and optionally at least one of a softening agent, heat-resisting stabilizer, antistatic agent, weathering stabilizer, antioxidant, filler, coloring agent or a lubricant,

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (j-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of an ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) resulting from copolymerization of ethylene, an  $\alpha$ -olefin and, optionally incorporated, a non-conjugated polyene, with said constituents (j-1) and (j-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, to a dynamic heat treatment,

said ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) is one which has a Mooney viscosity  $ML_{1+4}$  (100 °C) of 10 - 250 and an ethylene content of 55 - 95 mole % and

said olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is one which has an olefin content of 50 - 100 mole % and a melt flow rate (ASTM D-1238-65T, 230 °C, 2.16 kg load) of 0.01 - 2 g/10 min. and said ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y) is one which has an intrinsic viscosity ( $\eta$ ) of 3.5 - 8.3 dl/g determined in decalin at 135 °C, and



wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_2$ ) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (at 70 °C, 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (at 230 °C, 10 kg load), and

wherein the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) is formed by foaming a foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) comprising 100 parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J), 1 - 20 parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) and 0.5 - 20 parts by weight of an organic or an inorganic foaming agent of heat-decomposition type (B) per 100 parts by weight of total sum of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) by co-extrusion with the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) of at least twofold, and

wherein the foamed laminate is formed by co-extrusion of the foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) and the ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y) wherein the foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) foams by heat fusing to form the substrate layer of the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ).

21. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a non-foamed skin layer, wherein the foamed laminate is a co-extruded product in which the substrate layer and the skin layer are heat fused and the substrate layer is foamed by co-extrusion by multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) comprising an uncrosslinked olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_2$ ) comprising 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and 1 - 20 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic resin (K), and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z),

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (j-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of an ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) resulting from copolymerization of ethylene, an  $\alpha$ -olefin and, optionally incorporated, a non-conjugated polyene, with said constituents (j-1) and (j-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, to a dynamic heat treatment,

said ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) is one which has a Mooney viscosity  $ML_{1+4}$  (100 °C) of 10 - 250 and an ethylene content of 55 - 95 mole % and

said olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is one which has an olefin content of 50 - 100 mole % and a melt flow rate (ASTM D-1238-65T, 230 °C, 2.16 kg load) of 0.01 - 2 g/10 min., and

wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_2$ ) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (at 70 °C, 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (at 230 °C, 10 kg load), and

wherein the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) is formed by foaming a foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) comprising 100 parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J), 1 - 20 parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) and 0.5 - 20 parts by weight of an organic or an inorganic foaming agent of heat-decomposition type (B) per 100 parts by weight of total sum of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) by co-extrusion with the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) of at least twofold, and

wherein the foamed laminate is formed by co-extrusion of the foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) and the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z) wherein the foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) foams by heat fusing to form the substrate layer of the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ), and

said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition (Z) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant ( $Z_L$ ) selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), 5 - 200 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (G), 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a fatty acid amide, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a metal soap, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of an ester, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of calcium carbonate and 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a silicate, each in a proportion as given above.

22. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a non-foamed skin layer, wherein the foamed laminate is a co-extruded product

in which the substrate layer and the skin layer are heat fused and the substrate layer is foamed by co-extrusion by multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) comprising an uncrosslinked olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_2$ ) comprising 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and 1 - 20 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic resin (K), and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_1$ ),

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (j-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of an ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) resulting from copolymerization of ethylene, an  $\alpha$ -olefin and, optionally incorporated, a non-conjugated polyene, with said constituents (j-1) and (j-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, to a dynamic heat treatment,

said ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) is one which has a Mooney viscosity  $ML_{1+4}$  (100 °C) of 10 - 250 and an ethylene content of 55 - 95 mole % and

said olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is one which has an olefin content of 50 - 100 mole % and a melt flow rate (ASTM D-1238-65T, 230 °C, 2.16 kg load) of 0.01 - 2 g/10 min., and

wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_2$ ) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (at 70 °C, 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (at 230 °C, 10 kg load), and

wherein the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) is formed by foaming a foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) comprising 100 parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J), 1 - 20 parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) and 0.5 - 20 parts by weight of an organic or an inorganic foaming agent of heat-decomposition type (B) per 100 parts by weight of total sum of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) by co-extrusion with the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) of at least twofold, and

wherein the foamed laminate is formed by co-extrusion of the foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) and the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_1$ ) wherein the foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) foams by heat fusing to form the substrate layer of the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ), and

said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_1$ ) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E) and 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), each in a proportion as given above.

23. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a non-foamed skin layer, wherein the foamed laminate is a co-extruded product in which the substrate layer and the skin layer are heat fused and the substrate layer is foamed by co-extrusion by multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) comprising an uncrosslinked olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_2$ ) comprising 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and 1 - 20 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic resin (K), and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_2$ ),

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (j-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of an ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) resulting from copolymerization of ethylene, an  $\alpha$ -olefin and, optionally incorporated, a non-conjugated polyene, with said constituents (j-1) and (j-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, to a dynamic heat treatment,

said ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) is one which has a Mooney viscosity  $ML_{1+4}$  (100 °C) of 10 - 250 and an ethylene content of 55 - 95 mole % and

said olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is one which has an olefin content of 50 - 100 mole % and a melt flow rate (ASTM D-1238-65T, 230 °C, 2.16 kg load) of 0.01 - 2 g/10 min., and

wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_2$ ) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (at 70 °C, 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (at 230 °C, 10 kg load), and

wherein the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) is formed by foaming a foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) comprising 100 parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J), 1 - 20

parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) and 0.5 - 20 parts by weight of an organic or an inorganic foaming agent of heat-decomposition type (B) per 100 parts by weight of total sum of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) by co-extrusion with the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) of at least twofold, and

wherein the foamed laminate is formed by co-extrusion of the foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) and the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_2$ ) wherein the foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) foams by heat fusing to form the substrate layer of the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ), and

said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_2$ ) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), a polyolefin resin (G) in an amount of 5 - 200 parts by weight.

24. (Previously presented) A foamed laminate based on olefin in which a substrate layer is laminated with a non-foamed skin layer, wherein the foamed laminate is a co-extruded product in which the substrate layer and the skin layer are heat fused and the substrate layer is foamed by co-extrusion by multilayer extrusion molding machine, wherein

said substrate layer comprises a foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) comprising an uncrosslinked olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_2$ ) comprising 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and 1 - 20 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic resin (K), and

said skin layer comprises an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_3$ ),

wherein said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising 5 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (j-1) and 40 - 95 parts by weight of an ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) resulting from copolymerization of ethylene, an  $\alpha$ -olefin and, optionally incorporated, a non-conjugated polyene, with said constituents (j-1) and (j-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight, to a dynamic heat treatment,

said ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) is one which has a Mooney viscosity  $ML_{1+4}$  (100 °C) of 10 - 250 and an ethylene content of 55 - 95 mole % and

said olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is one which has an olefin content of 50 - 100 mole % and a melt flow rate (ASTM D-1238-65T, 230 °C, 2.16 kg load) of 0.01 - 2 g/10 min., and

wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $X_2$ ) is one which has a compression set of 60 % or less as determined according to JIS K 6262 (at 70 °C, 22 hours) and a melt flow rate of 0.1 g/10 min. or higher as determined according to JIS K 7120 (at 230 °C, 10 kg load), and

wherein the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) is formed by foaming a foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) comprising 100 parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J), 1 - 20 parts by weight of the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) and 0.5 - 20 parts by weight of an organic or an inorganic foaming agent of heat-decomposition type (B) per 100 parts by weight of total sum of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) and the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) by co-extrusion with the foaming expansion ratio of the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ) of at least twofold, and

wherein the foamed laminate is formed by co-extrusion of the foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) and the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_3$ ) wherein the foamable composition based on olefin ( $X_3$ ) foams by heat fusing to form the substrate layer of the foamed body ( $X_{F2}$ ), and

said olefinic thermoplastic elastomer composition ( $Z_3$ ) is one which comprises, per 100 parts by weight of an olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C), at least one kind of lubricant selected from the group consisting of 0.5 - 25 parts by weight of an organopolysiloxane (D), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of a fluorine-containing polymer (E), 0.5 - 10 parts by weight of an antistatic agent (F), 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a fatty acid amide, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a metal soap, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of an ester, 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of calcium carbonate and 0.01 - 5 parts by weight of a silicate, each in a proportion given above, and further comprises a polyolefin resin (G) in an amount of 5 - 200 parts by weight.

25. (Original) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in any one of claims 21 to 24, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C) is one which is obtained by a dynamic heat treatment of a mixture comprising a crystalline polyolefin resin (c-1) and a rubber (c-2).

26. (Original) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 21, 23 or 24, wherein the polyolefin resin (G) is an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y).

27. (Previously Presented) The formed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (Y) comprises 15 - 40 parts by weight of an ultrahigh molecular weight polyolefin resin (y-1) having an intrinsic viscosity ( $\eta$ ) of 10 - 40 dl/g as determined in decalin at 135 °C and 85 - 60 parts by weight of a polyolefin resin (y-2) having an intrinsic viscosity ( $\eta$ ) of 0.1 - 5 dl/g as determined in decalin at 135 °C, with said constituents (y-1) and (y-2) summing up to 100 parts by weight.

28. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the polyolefin resin (j-1) of the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is a polypropylene resin.

29. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) comprises further 10 - 200 parts by weight of a softening agent (j-3) per 100 parts by weight of the ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2).

30. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is a thermoplastic elastomer composition obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising the polyolefin resin (j-1) and the ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) or a mixture which comprises further, optionally incorporated, the softening agent (j-3) to a dynamic heat treatment in the presence of a cross-linking agent.

31. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic resin (K) is an isotactic polypropylene or a propylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer.

32 - 35. (Canceled)

36. (Previously Presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 21, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (C) is one which is obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising the crystalline polyolefin resin (c-1) and the rubber (c-2) to a dynamic heat treatment in the presence of a cross-linking agent.

37. (Canceled)

38. (Previously presented) A sliding element comprising the foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4.

39. (Previously presented) A weather strip for automobile comprising the foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4.

40. (Previously presented) A sealing material for architectural use comprising the foamed laminate based on olefin as claimed in claim 4.

41- 52. (Canceled)

53. (Previously presented) A process for producing a foamed laminate as claimed in claim 4, said process comprising the steps of

providing starting resin composition for the substrate layer comprising the uncrosslinked ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the foaming agent (B) as claimed in claim 4,

providing the resin for skin layer of claim 4,

co-extruding the resin composition for the substrate layer together with the resin for the skin layer by using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, and

heat fusing these layers to thereby cause the substrate layer to foam up.

54. (**Currently amended**) A process for producing a foamed laminate as claimed in claim 5, said process comprising the steps of



providing starting resin composition for the ~~[[said]]~~ substrate layer comprising the uncrosslinked ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the foaming agent (B) as claimed in claim 5,

providing the resin for the skin layer of claim 5,

co-extruding the resin composition for the substrate layer together with the resin for the skin layer by using a ~~[[from the]]~~ multilayer extrusion molding machine, and

heat fusing these layers to thereby cause the substrate layer to foam up.

55. **(Currently amended)** A process for producing a foamed laminate as claimed in claim 6, said process comprising the steps of

providing starting resin composition for the ~~[[said]]~~ substrate layer comprising the uncrosslinked ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the foaming agent (B) as claimed in claim 6,

providing the resin for the skin layer of claim 6,

co-extruding the resin composition for the substrate layer together with the resin for the skin layer ~~[[from the]]~~ by using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, and

heat fusing these layers to thereby cause the substrate layer to foam up.

56. **(Currently amended)** A process for producing a foamed laminate as claimed in claim 7, said process comprising ~~[[using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, comprising]]~~ the steps of

providing starting resin composition for the ~~[[said]]~~ substrate layer comprising the uncrosslinked ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the foaming agent (B) as claimed in claim 7,

providing the resin for the skin layer of claim 7,

co-extruding the resin composition for the substrate layer together with the resin for the skin layer ~~[[from the]]~~ by using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, and

heat fusing these layers to thereby cause the substrate layer to foam up.

57. **(Currently amended)** A process for producing a foamed laminate as claimed in claim 8, said process comprising ~~[[using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, comprising]]~~ the steps of

providing starting resin composition for the ~~[[said]]~~ substrate layer comprising the uncrosslinked ethylenic thermoplastic elastomer (A) and the foaming agent (B) as claimed in claim 8,

providing the resin for the skin layer of claim 8,

co-extruding the resin composition for the substrate layer together with the resin for the skin layer ~~[[from the]]~~ by using a multilayer extrusion molding machine, and

heat fusing these layers to thereby cause the substrate layer to foam up.

58. (Previously presented) The foamed laminate based on olefin, as claimed in claim 20, wherein the olefinic thermoplastic elastomer (J) is a thermoplastic elastomer composition obtained by subjecting a mixture comprising the polyolefin resin (j-1) and the ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2) or a mixture which comprises further, optionally incorporated, the softening agent (j-3) to a dynamic heat treatment in the presence of a cross-linking agent,

wherein the polyolefin resin (j-1) is a polypropylene resin, and

wherein the softening agent (j-3) is in a concentration of 10 - 200 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the ethylene/ $\alpha$ -olefin copolymer rubber (j-2).